

Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero

The Majority Monday Memo

A look ahead in the California Senate

For the week beginning March 27, 2006

Senate Democrats: Welcome to the Majority Monday Memo – my effort to keep you up to date on the major events coming up in and around the Senate. Please submit items you would like included in future memos to me personally, to my office in Room 313, or by e-mail to richard.rios@sen.ca.gov.



Monday, March 27

MEMORIAL SERVICES. A memorial mass will be held for former Assembly Member Marco Antonio Firebaugh. **Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, 555 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, 9:00 a.m.**

SENATE SESSION. The Senate will have check-in session.

ASSEMBLY SESSION. The Assembly will have check-in session.

CHILD INTERNET SAFETY. The Senate Business and Professions Committee and the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families will host an informational hearing about Internet safety risks facing children and parents. **Burton Hearing Room 4203, 10:30 a.m.**

Tuesday, March 28

FOSTER CARE. The Senate Human Services Committee will hear SB 1289 (Cedillo), allowing persons to remain voluntarily in foster care until the age of 21 if they are enrolled in a university, community college, or vocational training on a full-time basis. **Room 3191, 1:30 p.m.**

OFF RESERVATION INDIAN GAMING COMPACT. The Senate Governmental Organization Committee will hold an informational hearing on the Big Lagoon tribal gaming compact which authorizes the tribe to develop a gaming casino off its reservation in Barstow. **Room 3191, 4:00 p.m.**

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Wednesday, March 29

MINIMUM WAGE BILLS. The Senate Labor Committee will hear SB 1162 (Cedillo) and SB 1167 (Maldonado), proposing to increase California's minimum wage. The primary difference between the measures at this time is that Senator Cedillo's bill includes an indexing component while Senator Maldonado's does not. **Room 2040, 9:00 a.m.**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS BUDGET. Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration will review the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's budget (Item 5225). **Room 113, 10:00 a.m.**

BIOMONITORING. The Senate Health Committee will hear SB 1379 (Perata and Ortiz), requiring the state to establish the Healthy Californians Biomonitoring Program to monitor the presence of designated chemicals in Californians. **Burton Hearing Room 4203, 1:30 p.m.** Senators Perata and Ortiz will also participate in a press conference on the bill. **Room 1190, 11:00 a.m.**

YOUTH ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION. The Assembly Governmental Organization Committee wil hear AB 2013 (Saldana), establishing the Youth Alcohol Problem Prevention Fund and appropriating moneys held in the Fund to the Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control for programs designed to reduce underage drinking. **Room 4202, 1:30 p.m.**

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY. The California Department of Food and Agriculture will host National Agriculture day at the Capitol including tents, tables, and booths of a variety of agriculture related products. **Capitol West Steps, 10:00 a.m.**

Thursday, March 30

SENATE SESSION. The Senate is scheduled to convene promptly at 9:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLY SESSION. The Assembly is scheduled to convene at 9:30 a.m.

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SEX OFFENDER PAROLE POLICIES. The Assembly Select Committee on Prison Construction and Operations will host an informational hearing on the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's parole release policies of high risk sex offenders. **Room 437, 1:00 p.m.**

Friday, March 31

CESAR CHAVEZ DAY HOLIDAY.

See below for initiative update.

INITIATIVE UPDATE

As of March 17, 2006

- 1211. (SA2006RF0005, Amdt. #2-NS) Repeat Offenders. Sentencing. Initiative Statute. ADDED to Initiatives in Circulation.
- 1155. Invalidation of Domestic Partnerships. Marriage. Initiative Constitutional Amendment. FAILED to qualify.
- 1156. Child Custody. Equal Physical Custody. Initiative Statute. FAILED to qualify.
- 1209. Ballot Measure Finance Disclosure. Shareholder Consent. Initiative Statute. WITHDRAWN from circulation.
- SA2006RF0007, Amdt. #1-S. Truth in Initiatives Act of 2006 (Version 2) WITHDRAWN from the Attorney General's Office.

For more information about initiative measures, go to:

http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm

Initiatives Pending Raw Count of Signatures

As of March 17, 2006

1157. (SA2005RF0096) Wealth Tax. Tax Rates. Tax Credits. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

*Summary Date: 10/14/05 Circulation Deadline: 03/13/06 Signatures Required: 598,105
Proponent: Paul McCauley (818) 788-5919*

Imposes one-time 45% tax on California residents and certain former California residents owning property worth more than \$40 million on January 1, 2007. Amends Constitution to exempt this tax from 1% limit on ad valorem real property taxes. Imposes additional 12% tax on income for high-income taxpayers. Reduces corporate income tax rate by approximately 54%.

For more information about initiative measures, go to:

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Proposed Initiatives with March Circulation Deadlines

As of March 2, 2006

1159. (SA2005RF0097) Cigarette Tax. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Summary Date: 10/31/05 Circulation Deadline: 03/30/06 Signatures Required: 598,105

Proponent: Dorel Harms, RN (916) 443-6972

Imposes additional 7 1/2 cent tax on each cigarette distributed (\$1.50 per pack), and indirectly increases tax on other tobacco products. Tax revenues allocated to specified purposes, including private hospital and physician emergency services, indigent healthcare, breast cancer research, tobacco use prevention, tobacco smuggling prevention and nursing education.

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